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MINES
LOK SABHA

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DIAMOND PROJECT
Yerrannaidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh is proposing to construct the Pulichintala project in the areas in Guntur district which is identified as potentially diamond yielding areas;

(b) if so, whether the areas will be under water if the proposed project is constructed on this diamond reserves areas in the region and the Government will lose an huge amount of revenue;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereupon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh is constructing a dam at Pulichintala village, Bellamkonda Mandal in Guntur District. Due to construction of this dam, some villages are likely to be fully or partially submerged under water. In distant past, there were reported occurrences of diamond from Krishna basin. However no such occurrences of diamond have been reported in recent times.